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REPORT NO.

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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Neuruppin Airfield

EVALUATION see below

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1. After 6 September 1951, only swept-back jet fighters with auxiliary fuel tanks fitted on wings were observed at Neuruppin airfield. A black and red stripe 20 to 25 cm wide was painted on the upper and lower sides of the wing tips respectively. The same stripe was painted around the air intake. About 50 percent of the planes had black stripes and the other 50 percent red stripes. The single-engine low-wing monoplanes parked at the field had black propeller hubs. On 12 September, 9 trucks and 4 sedans were observed in front of the hangars. They were not there on 15 September. *

2. On 17 September, source overheard a conversation between a Soviet Air Force Lieutenant wearing a gold flying badge and a German civilian. The Lieutenant said that the jet aircraft have a top speed of 800 to 900 km/h and a cruising speed of up to 200 km/h.

3. On 22 September, a local resident said that parachuting has been practiced over the area 3 km south-southwest of Neuruppin in line with the Treskower Hills since 15 September. Three twin-engine transports would approach from the northwest at an altitude of 1,000 to 1,500 meters, dropped 6 to 8 parachutists each while flying a circle and then headed northwest. The resident also said that the parachutists assembled on the Neuruppin-Paußenhausen road, or on Highway No 167 near Rechlin from where they were trucked toward Neuruppin. **

4. On 2 October, the field was occupied by 21 MiG-15s, 3 single-engine aircraft, and 4 biplanes. The MiG-15s had red and black stripes as tactical symbols.

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* Comment. Neuruppin airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment with about 30 MiG-15s, in addition to some Yak-11s and P0-2s. The different colored stripes on the wing tips and around the air intakes were previously observed. It has not been determined whether the colors indicate the

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